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SCCTP BASIC SERIALS TRAINING

Prairie Area Library System
LaSalle, IL
Nov. 14-15, 2005

Trainers: Lynn Fields, Database Consultant, Lewis & Clark Library System
Kathy Nystrom, Head of Technical Services, Webster University

Attendees: 10

Having just taught this workshop in mid-September, we felt comfortable teaching it again-although we updated to the revised slides and handouts between workshops. We had only ten students this time, but they were a good group. Many of them work together, and most know each other. This worked well with questions and comments at various points. Evaluations were all very positive.

Again, we basically alternated sessions, while freely commenting when we felt something was being overlooked. We used some handouts and examples created by Lynn and added slides that indicated breaks or lunch coming up, as well as slides that listed specific questions for students to be answering in their exercises. We feel they allow us to teach and talk without following the printed pages so closely and without being surprised by an "answer" slide appearing before its time. The exercises themselves were done orally as a group, or written out individually. We didn't have them do the pre-workshop exercises and ended up skipping most of Session 9.

We don't have another workshop on the horizon at this point, but would be glad to teach it again. Both Lynn and I feel that we're basically serials catalogers at heart, so teaching this is sharing something we love. It also forces us to keep totally current with changes in rules and practices-always a good thing.

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